

successful non-profit corporations in the Greater Cleveland Area and in the state of Ohio.

Helen worked alongside many in the Greater Cleveland Community in variety of leadership roles. She worked often with the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board and was past chairwoman of the Mental Health Advocacy Coalition. She also served on the Board of Directors of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Midtown Cleveland and on the Board of the Beck Center for Arts in Lakewood. Helen was also a member of the National Association of Social Workers and the United Way Council of Agency Executives. She was recognized on numerous occasions for her distinguished leadership in the field of behavioral health. This past May, Helen was one of Crain's Cleveland Business Women of Note honorees and in 2004, was awarded the Woodruff Foundation Prize in recognition of her work in the behavioral health field.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of Helen Jones, and in celebration of a life dedicated to serving her community. Let her advocacy on behalf of the welfare of others serve as an inspiration for us all.

TRIBUTE TO IOWA RIVER HOSPICE

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Iowa River Hospice, serving the communities of Marshall, Tama, Hardin and Grundy counties in Iowa, on celebrating their 25th Anniversary. I also wish to express my appreciation for their commitment to providing a comforting service to Iowans.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed legislation in law that made hospice care Medicare certified and Iowa River Hospice became incorporated. Iowa River Hospice has cared for over 1,900 patients and their families over the past three decades. Hospice care is something that we all wish was not necessary, but is a life touching service which is needed to allow terminal patients to live the final moments of their lives to the fullest. Hospice also helps families cope with the loss of a loved one close to them. Iowa River Hospice is in the process of building a new hospice home and plan on opening their doors in early 2009.

Iowa River Hospice is dedicated to benefiting Iowans during an extremely difficult time. It is an honor to represent Executive Director Marilee Lawler, and all the members of the Iowa River Hospice team in the United States Congress and I wish them continued success in their future service to central Iowans.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY PARRISH

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication and contributions to the

community of Riverside, California, are exceptional. Riverside has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated community leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make their communities a better place to live and work. Larry Parrish is one of these individuals. On July 24, 2008, a retirement dinner will be held in honor of Larry's 16 years of service as the county executive officer for Riverside County.

As the county executive officer, Larry manages county finances and operations, consistent with the policies established by the Board of Supervisors. In January 1995, supervisors centralized Mr. Parrish's managerial role by expanding his oversight of the many and diverse services provided to the county's 1.4 million residents. Under Larry's leadership, county departments have charted an aggressive course to meet the board's vision of targeting scarce resources to sustain high-priority services despite State reductions to local funding.

Mr. Parrish's 32-year career in county government includes key positions with both local and statewide focus. His experience as a county executive spans nearly 15 years, having served in this capacity in both Santa Barbara and Orange Counties. Prior to coming to Riverside County, he also spent 2 years as a Sacramento-based legislative advocate. Mr. Parrish entered county government in the probation field, rising to become chief probation officer for the counties of Santa Cruz and Santa Barbara.

For 8 years, Mr. Parrish served as a school board member of Santa Cruz City Schools. He was an instructor at Cabrillo Junior College in Santa Cruz County and a lecturer at the U.C. Irvine Graduate School of Management. He has also served as a Finance Corporation Board Member for the California State Association of Counties. Larry received a B.A. in sociology from Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho.

In 1996, the University of California at Riverside named Mr. Parrish Public Management Leader of the Year. Mr. Parrish and his wife, Kathie, currently reside in Rancho Mirage, California. He has two grown children, one granddaughter and one grandson.

Larry's tireless passion for community service has contributed immensely to the betterment of the community of Riverside, California. I am proud to call Larry a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many community members are grateful for his service and salute him as he retires.

THE DAILY 45: HONORING CHICAGO POLICE OFFICER RICHARD FRANCIS

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, every day, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. Sometimes, sadly, the victims of this carnage are the men and women who've pledged to serve and protect our society. Today, I reflect on the senseless loss of life of 60-year-old Chicago Police Officer Richard M. Francis. Officer Francis was a 27-year

veteran of the force and a first class officer. A heroic Vietnam War Veteran and a member of the Navy Special Forces, Officer Francis survived two bomb attacks in the Mekong Delta and was described by friends, family and co-workers as a man who loved life. But, on July 2nd, Francis could not survive a bullet discharged when a homeless woman grabbed his service revolver and shot him in the head.

Officer Francis leaves behind his wife of 10 years, Deborah, and his mentally challenged stepdaughter, Bianca. While charges are pending against his alleged perpetrator, the cruel irony is that this man who loved his job, loved his family and survived the Vietcong, lost his life in an instant when an allegedly disturbed woman got her hands on his weapon.

On behalf of my constituents and a grieving city, I extend my prayers and sincere condolences to Officer Francis' family and friends.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45." When will we say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

ON THE OCCASION OF MIKE AND BEV HOLLAND'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Mr. McHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Holland, Sr., as they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. They were married in the Dutch Reformed Church of Kinderhook, New York, on July 13, 1968.

Mike and Beverly reside in the Town of Brandon in northern Franklin County, New York, which I have the privilege of representing. Mike and Bev have lived there since 1971 and have long operated a farm, on which they currently have about 50 beef cattle and calves.

Prior to their retirements in 2001, Mike and Bev taught in the Malone Central School System. Bev taught fourth grade at Flanders Elementary School while Mike taught fifth grade at St. Joseph's Elementary School, where he also spent many hours supervising intramural sports during lunch recesses. Mike, who is also known for good reason as "Coach Holland," coached Franklin Academy High School's junior varsity (1968-1985) and varsity baseball teams (1986-2001), the modified football team at the Malone Middle School, and various Malone Minor Hockey teams, including one New York State Class "C" championship team.

In addition to the work involved in raising their three children, Mike, Maya, and Jesse, Bev was very involved with the Franklin County 4-H Horse Club and the Franklin County Trailriders Association. Today, she remains busy as a volunteer for the Franklin County House of History and as a grandmother to Joseph and Maybelle Alvarez. Accordingly, I now extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes to Mike and Bev Holland on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary.